

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2 and 4-12 are amended. No new matter is added. Support for the amendment is found in page 6, lines 14-19 and page 6, line 23 - page 7, line 5 of the specification. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

Claims 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory matter. Claims 9-12 are amended to obviate the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0288113 (Saunders).

Saunders discloses that the web component stream 106 includes media samples 100 (alleged static image data) and each media sample 100 contains data such as HTML, joint photographic experts group (JPEG), graphic interchange format (GIF), etc. See paragraph [0028] and Fig. 1. That is, the media samples are original to the web component stream 106 and are not originated from video component stream 104.

However, static image data of the present application are extracted by automatic processing or operator operation from the video data 5 by preprocessing. See page 6, lines 14-16. Saunders fails to disclose or suggest that the static image data are extracted from the video data as recited in claims 1, 2 and 4-12. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections.

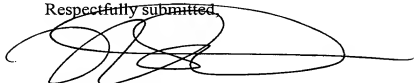
For at least the above reason, claims 1, 2 and 4-12 are patentable over Saunders. Claim 3 depends from claim 1. Thus, claim 3 is patentable over Saunders for at least the same reason as claim 1 as well as for the additional features it recites.

For the foregoing reason, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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